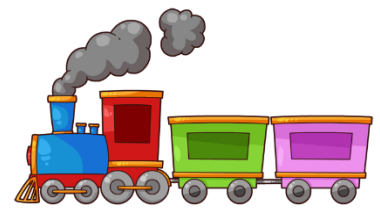




MRS. SMITH PRE-4 CLASSROOM May 12, 2024



“When I play with playdough – I am leaning” ...

- To see the shape against the background of the table – a pre-reading skill.
- The concepts of shapes, sizes, length, height, etc.
- To see negative space when cookie cutter shapes are taken away from the rest of the playdough.
- To express feelings by squeezing, squishing, and pounding.
- To freely exercise my imagination and creativity.
- That the amount of substance remains the same, even when the shape changes.
- To develop my language skills when describing my playdough creations.
- Negotiation and sharing skills.
- To develop my fine motor muscles necessary for writing.

BIBLE STORIES -

Next week our Bible Story will be “Philip and the Ethiopian”. We learn that we need to look for ways to help people all over the world hear the good news about Jesus. Our second story next week will be “Faithful Stephen”. We know that God is always with us and we ask Him to help us bravely speak up for Him when others give us a hard time.

THEME WORK -

We finished up the pirate theme. The children were working on rhyming. Some are struggling with it, so we will work on it more. They also worked on matching upper and lower case letters and what they thought was best, they went on many treasure hunts!

Next week will be the first of two weeks for trains. We will be working on more and less, filling in missing letters, addition, beginning sounds, subtraction, driving trains and more.

PENNY CHALLENGE -

The preK-4 classroom won penny wars! We get the big penny to display in our hallway window! Great job kids and parents! A little over \$600.00 was raised for Lake County Haven

SPRING FUND RAISER -

Happy Little Flame-a local business in Libertyville (owned by a St. John mom!) is doing the fundraiser! **50% of fundraiser sales will go to St. John School.** This fundraiser is the perfect chance to get a candle to celebrate a mother in your life (special Mother's Day candle labels available). Please contact Kara at klarson159@gmail.com with any questions or concerns. [SHOP FUNDRAISER NOW](#)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -

June 24 - 27, from 9:00am to 11:00am. Please join us! Kids sing in the 9:00am service on Sunday June 30. To register go to

<https://vbapro.events/p/stjohnscuba>



SHOW AND TELL -

Show and tell will be - Free choice

MOTHER'S DAY -

Our annual Mother's Day celebration will be on Friday May 10 at 10:30. Please fill out the following form so we can plan accordingly.

<https://forms.gle/djYu3bqPVj75hU9XA>

We will also be collecting pictures of mom. Please send in approximately 4 pictures of to celebrate mom. Make sure mom is in them! Send them to sarah.lofsness@stjohnslib.com

Contact Information -

If you need to contact me, you can email me at cindy.smith@stjohnslib.com. You can call the school at 847-362-4424, Extension 1003. My cell phone number is 847-406-9877. I don't usually answer if I don't recognize the number so please leave a message and I will get back to you. Texting is also a great way to contact me, just make sure to tell me who is texting.

NEWS AND REMINDERS -

- Monday, April 22: Registration Day 2:30-4:30
- Thursday, April 25: registration Day 2:30-4:30
- Friday, April 26: School Spirit Day! Wear your St. John apparel.
- Friday, May 10: Mother's Day Tea, 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, May 19: 8th Grade Graduation, 9 a.m.
- Friday, May 24: Last Day of School, Noon Dismissal
 - Preschool and Kindergarten Graduation
 - Closing Service Picnic and Olympic Day